

REMARKS

Claims 52-87 are pending in the case.

Claims 52, 65 and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 52-87 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner indicated that claims 52-87 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112.

Formal drawings are submitted herewith for Figs. 3, 7 and 8 to comply with the Examiner's request. Applicants respectfully request that the formal drawings be entered and the Examiner's rejections or objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claims 52 – 87 are amended herein in response to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112. Although applicants believe the rejections of claims 52-87 as cited in the Office Action are improper, applicants have amended claims 52-87 as indicated above in order to advance prosecution of this application. Applicants submit that the claims as amended overcome the Examiner's rejections and accordingly, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and objections. Allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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